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SUBJ: VISTS BY US CITIZENS TO ARGENTINA

A. UNIVERSE CAMPUS VISIT:

1. EMBASSY SEES NO REASON FOR SS UNIVERSE CAMPUS TO BYPASS BUENOS AIRES; HOWEVER, THE PRESENCE OF A LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS MAY POSE A PROBLEM SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THE POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT IN THIS COUNTRY.

2. IN DISCUSSION YESTERDAY WITH MINISTER OF INTERIOR ROCAMORA, EMBASSY GIVEN ASSURANCE OF PROTECTION OF SHIP AT DOCKSIDE.

3. ROCAMORA INDICATED DESIRE THAT STUDENTS FROM UNIVERSE CAMPUS NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN LOCAL UNIVERSITY ISSUES (BA UNIVERSTIY PRESENTLY CLOSED AS RESULT STUDENT/ADMINISTRATION PROBLEMS).

4. IN CURRENT SITUATION PRANKS OR NORMAL STUDENT EXUBERANCE COULD EVOLVE INTO SERIOUS INCIDENT.

5. EMBASSY ASSUMES UNIVERSITY'S SPONSORS AWARE FROM PRESS REPORTS AND DEPARTMENT BRIEFINGS OF HIGH AND INCREASING LEVEL OF VIOLENCE IN BUENOS AIRES AREA.

B. GENERAL TRAVEL:

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1. ACTS OF TERRORISM BECOMING MORE FREQUENT. ASSASSINATIONS, KIDNAPPINGS AND BOMBINGS OCCUR DAILY. HOWEVER, THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTED INCIDENTS OF ACTION AGAINST TOURISTS.

2. TRAVEL TO CERTAIN AREAS--TUCUMAN, SANTA FE, SALTA, CORDOBA, CATAMARCA--ENTAILS GREATER RISK TO VISITORS DUE TO INTENSIVE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AGAINST TERRORISTS IN THESE AREAS.

3. VISITORS OF MAJOR POLITICAL OR COMMERCIAL SIGNIFICANCE COULD BE CONSIDERED AS HIGHER RISK VISITORS THAN NORMAL TOURISTS, ESPECIALLY IF LOCAL PRESS REACTS TO SUCH VISITS.

4. NORMAL CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES AGAINST TOURISTS ARE NO HIGHER THAN OTHER MAJOR WORLD CITIES.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH COUNTRY OF REGISTRY OF S.S. "UNIVERSITY CAMPUS".
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